

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/022,861 Group Art Unit: 2625  
Applicants : SAIDA, et al Confirmation No. 6336  
Filed : December 13, 2001  
Title : DUST OR DIRT DETECTION IN IMAGE READING  
APPARATUS HAVING READ-WHILE-FEED FUNCTION  
Examiner : Michael L BURLESON

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance of October 23, 2006, please amend  
above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.